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Letter dated 19 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to forward herewith a press release from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Rwanda, following the return of Major-General Paul Rwarakabije, Commander of the Forces combattantes Abacunguzi (see annex).

I would be grateful if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Stanislas **Kamanzi**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 19 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Press release from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Rwanda

Kigali, 18 November 2003

The Government of Rwanda has for nine years been engaged in efforts to bring lasting peace to Rwanda and the region, following the 1994 genocide.

The peaceful return of Major-General Paul Rwarakabije, Commander of the Forces combattantes Abacunguzi (FOCA), along with other officers and men on Friday, 14 November 2003, from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, is an important step that reinforces our Government's efforts to unite and reconcile all Rwandan people. FOCA is the armed wing of the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR), also formerly and popularly known as the ex-FAR/Interahamwe.

Major-General Rwarakabije and his colleagues have acknowledged that the current social, economic and political developments prevailing in the country are a clear testimony of the progress made by the Rwandan people.

Major-General Rwarakabije, and all those who choose to return through peaceful means, will be resettled and integrated into Rwandan society. We welcome all those who seek to return home peacefully.

The extremists who have not heeded the call who choose to continue with armed conflict shall be dealt with forcefully and will face the full force of the law.

The Government of Rwanda calls upon the region and the rest of the international community to take up their responsibility and help bring these extremists-cum-genocidaires to justice.

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The Security Council,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General of 12 November 2003 (S/2003/1078) on the United Nations operation in Cyprus, and in particular the call to the parties to assess and address the humanitarian issue of missing persons with due urgency and seriousness,

Noting that the Government of Cyprus has agreed that in view of the prevailing conditions in the island it is necessary to keep the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) beyond 15 December 2003,

Welcoming and encouraging efforts by the United Nations to sensitize peacekeeping personnel in the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases in all its peacekeeping operations,

1. *Reaffirms* all its relevant resolutions on Cyprus, and in particular resolution 1251 (1999) of 29 June 1999 and subsequent resolutions;

2. *Decides* to extend the mandate of UNFICYP for a further period ending 15 June 2004;

3. *Urges* the Turkish Cypriot side and the Turkish forces to rescind all remaining restrictions on UNFICYP;

4. *Expresses* concern at the further continuing violations by the Turkish Cypriot side and Turkish forces at Strovilia and urges them to restore the military status quo which existed there prior to 30 June 2000;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report by 1 June 2004 on the implementation of this resolution;

6. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

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Letter dated 21 November 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In my capacity as Chairman of the Economic Community of Central African States Group at the United Nations, I have the honour to request that the Security Council extend an invitation to H.E. Mr. Amadou Kébé, Ambassador, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations, to address the Council under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure in the course of the Council's consideration of the agenda item entitled "Central African region".

(*Signed*) Luc Joseph **Okio**
Minister Counsellor
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Letter dated 20 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Responses of Uganda People's Defence Forces officers to the report of the United Nations Panel of Experts on the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources and Other Forms of Wealth of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Attached is a letter addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, reference UN/SC/0, dated 31 October 2003, on the above subject matter (see annex).

It would be appreciated if the present letter, together with the letter addressed to the Secretary-General, is brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and circulated as a document of the Council.

(*Signed*) Francis **Butagira**
Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 20 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Responses of Uganda People's Defence Forces officers to the report of the United Nations Panel of Experts on the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources and Other Forms of Wealth of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

In accordance with Security Council resolution 1457 (2003) of 24 January 2003 and the note dated 24 March 2003 (S/2003/340) from the President of the Security Council, this mission forwarded to you individual submissions from six (6) officers of the Uganda People's Defence Forces, including those of Colonel Kahinda Otafiire and Colonel Noble Mayombo. The mission's letter UN/SC/0 dated 30 May 2003 refers.

Yet the final report of the panel (S/2003/1027) dated 23 October 2003, annex I (Resolution overview), on page 8, lists of the names of these two officers in category V, "Parties that did not react to the Panel's report".

In view of the submission made as required on 30 May 2003, it would be appreciated if the report is corrected and the record is set straight.

(*Signed*) Francis K. **Butagira**
Permanent Representative